

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

The Applicant has amended claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claim set are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Double Patenting

In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 17 on the grounds of a nonstatutory type double patenting rejection. In view of this, we are filing herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting objection.

Claim Objections

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 4 to 12 and 17 for informalities. These claims have been amended according to the suggested amendments by the Examiner. We respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

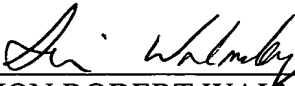
Claim Rejections – 35USC § 112

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 13 and 14 for providing insufficient antecedent basis for "the pipeline fashion expansion". Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to specify "expansion". Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35USC § 112. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

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